

CASULA HIGH SCHOOL

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SAFE HIGH EXPECTATIONS ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT PREPARED

Dear parents and carers,

Casula High School is working closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health and the Department of Education to ensure our school continues to operate in the safest way possible during the COVID environment.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. The result will need to be provided to the school via

- **SMS : 0418 131 099**
- **School Email : casula-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

According to NSW Health: Anyone with a cough, a sore or scratchy throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of taste, loss of smell or a fever (37.5° or higher) should be tested for COVID-19, even if symptoms are mild (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/response-protocol>)

Our first commitment is always to the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and our broader school community. As parents and carers, you continue to play a vital role, in particular by:

- Keeping your children home when they are unwell, even with very mild symptoms
- Practising social distancing during pick up and drop off
- Informing the school immediately if your child is self-isolating or undergoing testing, and informing us of the result as soon as possible

These updated measures will support our school to continue to deliver onsite learning. We thank you for your support of our school commitment to providing a COVID safe environment for all students and staff at Casula High School.

Please note due to changes to COVID Guidelines students will remain within their relevant cohort group. In line with this, Casula High School will need to put Homework Club on hold for the immediate future. Adjustments will be made to other activities to ensure we promote safe practices. We will continue to promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as;

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- Filling waters from the water filters rather than using the bubbler directly

Further information and advice can be found on:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School1>

Feel free to contact your child's Deputy Principal, if you need further clarification.

Kind Regards,


Mr G Smith
Principal